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On 24 May 1952,

the Deutsche Reichsbahn Generaldirektion,

conditions in railroad workshops and "Bahnbetriebswerke" were, at present, so bad that, as far as repairs were concerned, a complete breakdown could be expected at any time. Passenger and freight trains could no longer rum according to schedule, since the necessary locomotives were not available. Workshops could no longer accept locomotives requiring repairs because the stores of spare parts and material were completely exhausted. This state of affairs had finally been revealed to the public by the change of timetables on 18 May 1952.

everything in the Generaldirektion, as well as in the various RBD's, was at "sixes and sevens". The head of Section IV (Maschinen-2. technischen Abteilung) in the Generaldirektion had, together with his assistant and another member of his staff, been recently arrested.

3. a campaign for considerable recruiting of young people for the Volkspolizei was taking place in the workshops. However, all departments of the Generaldirektion were receiving information to the effect that almost all of these young people were refusing to join. it was believed that recruitment would soon be compulsory or else

people would be sent to Aue. 50X1-HUM

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